

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-925

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Oxenham Lot

### 2. Location

street & number Bellevue Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Royal Oak \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Talbot

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary H. Hopkins

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code MD 21662

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 504

street & number folio 722

city, town Easton state MD

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Oxenham Lot is located on the west side of Bellevue (Ferryneck) Road in Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. This structure is the third house from the intersection of Bellevue and Royal Oak Road. The house faces east and the principle gable is oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880, this two story, frame structure forms the shape of a "T". It is sheathed in asbestos shingles, weatherboard and german siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the foundation consists of brick piers.

The east (main) elevation has a full width porch across the first floor consisting of a gable roof portico supported by four doric columns on brick bases. The central bay is a nine-light over one-panel entrance door with a two-light transom and two-light sidelights. This door is flanked on either side by one two-over-two sash window with narrow surrounds, green louvered shutters, and window boxes. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows with narrow surrounds and green louvered shutters and a central bay of two unwindowed square surrounds. The roofline is broken by a cross gable lit by a round window and finished with victorian detail.

The south elevation is a gable end lit on the first floor by a set of four eight-light wndows with a window box. The second floor is lit by one two-over-two sash window with green, louvered shutters. A two-story, gable end addition extends to the west of the house's main body. The first floor eastern bay of this addition is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds. The central bay is lit by one six-over-six sash window with green louvered shutters and is indented to create a porch. A six-light over three-panel door opens onto this porch area. The western most bay of this addition is lit by two six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds. The first floor of this addition ends in a screened porch which is accessible from the house by means of a four-panel door. The second floor consists of a sleeping porch with a roof supported by a square post with champhered edges and a decorative baluster. The western bay is lit by one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds and ends in a screened porch.

The west elevation of the house's main body is lit on the first and second floor by one two-over-two sash window with narrow surrounds. The first floor is also pierced by a single light over single panel door. A two-

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Bernice Leonard writes about this property in Twig and Turf III. The Oxenham Lot is one of three lots which compose the original parcel of land conveyed to P. T. Pastorfield by E. T. Benson in 1864. In 1880 the Pastorfields sold this property to Mary E. Thompson. Mary E. Thompson than transfered her land to her daughter Mary Louisa Thompson in 1910. In 1917 Mary Louisa Thompson sold this lot to James A. Oxenham, Millard C. Oxenham, and Fannie M. Oxenham.

The Oxenham family continued to own this property until 1974. Over the years many additions have been made to the property which greatly extends to the west. The current owners are hoping to restore it to its original condition.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Leonard, Bernice. Twig and Turf III: The Royal Oak.  
Decorah, Iowa: Anundsen Pub.Co., 1985.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission date 12/31/91

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city or town Easton state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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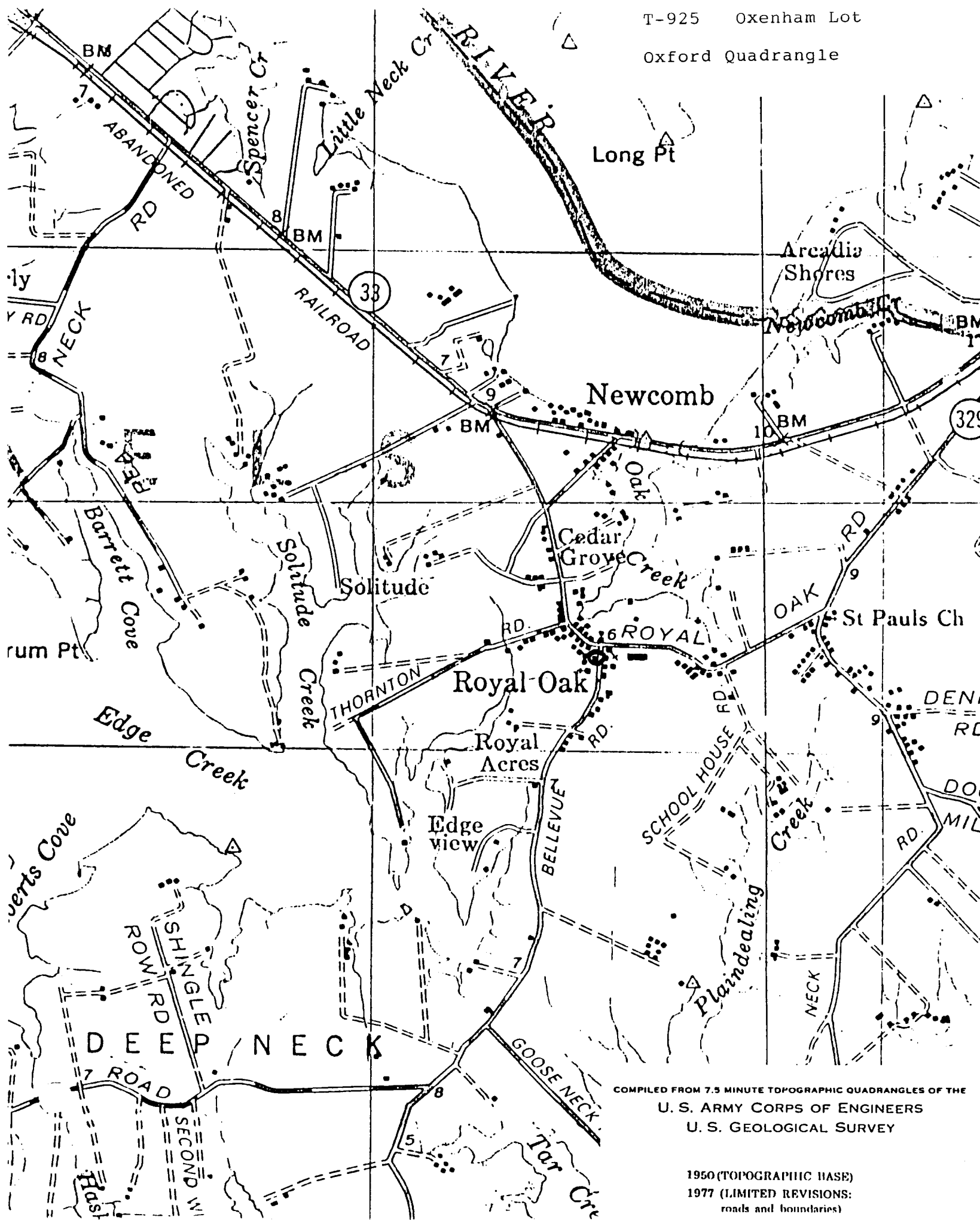
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Oxenham Lot Description cont'd.

story, gable end addition with an exterior brick chimney is the northern bay of this elevation. This two bay addition has a southern bay screened porch on both the first and second floors. Six-light over three-panel doors open onto these porches on both the first and second floors. One six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds lights the second floor and a wooden stairway extends from the ground to the second floor porch platform. A one-story, gable roof addition sheathed in german siding projects from the northern bay of this addition. This addition is lit on the north and south sides by one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds. The west side has a five-panel door.

The north elevation of the house's main body is a gable end with an exterior brick chimney. This chimney is flanked on both sides by a set of four-light casement windows on the first floor and by two-over-two sash windows with narrow surrounds on the second floor. This elevation shows that the two-story, gable roof addition which extends to the west is composed of two separate sections. The first section is sheathed in weatherboard and the second in german siding. The first floor of this addition is lit by three six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and pierced by one six-light over three-panel door. The second floor is lit by one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds and one with narrow surrounds. A six-light window also pierces this second story. At the seam of the main body of the house and the two-story addition there is a small square projection at the second floor. This projection is lit by one six-light window.

There are two outbuildings on the property. One outbuilding has a steep gable roof with a shed extension covered in tin. This structure is sheathed with vertical wood siding and has a cinderblock foundation. The second structure is a large rectangular building sheathed in weatherboard siding and roofed with wood shingles. It is lit by four-light windows with wide, green trim. A shed roof addition projects to the west sheathed in new wood siding and tin.



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1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)  
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:  
roads and boundaries)



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OXENHAM LOT

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